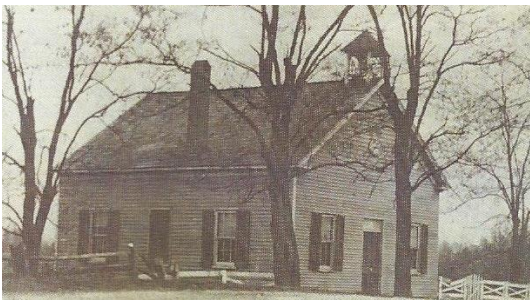


Salem United Methodist Church

May - June 2016 Newsletter

«183 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating»



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833



SALEM United Methodist Church 2016

12 High Street, Brookeville, Maryland 20833

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

TO THE SALEM UM CHURCH COMMUNITY



Erin Wheeler & Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

Thank You and Farewell

To the Salem UM Church and Community:

Spring has sprung, the school year is nearing its end, and the time has come for saying goodbye. My final day as your seminary intern is Sunday, May 1. I want to take this chance to thank you for the many opportunities you have given me to grow and develop in ministry over this past year.

As soon as I got to know all of you, I knew that saying goodbye would be one of the most difficult parts of this internship. I have been blessed by this church and community over and over again. As I part from you, I hope I can express the depth of my gratitude.

Thank you for your hospitality. You truly are living in Christian fellowship at Salem. It is

one of the most wonderful things to experience. I appreciate the way you drew me into your community of support and encouragement from my first visit to the church. Sharing life with all of you has been a joy.

Thank you for contributing to my education and ministry. You have been some of my best teachers this year. You have done some of the groundwork turning this seminary student into a pastor. I am thankful for your patience, feedback, and affirmation over the year.

This short season has come to an end. Salem United Methodist Church will always be a church family I have loved and been loved by. I am reminded of Paul's words to the church in Philippi which seem to capture my mood at this time. "I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now" (Philippians 1: 3-5). Thank you for being my partners this year.

Your Intern,
Erin Wheeler

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Easter Sermon Series Continued

New Birth: Faith, Hope and Love

May 1: "Love" John 21:1-19

New Sermon Series: Life in Christ:

Chosen, Blessed, Broken, and Given

May 8 Mother's Day: Sermon Title: Chosen;
John 15:13-17

May 15 Pentecost Sunday: Sermon Title:
Blessed; John 14:15-21

May 22: Sermon Title: Broken;
John 18:15-18; 25-27

May 29: Sermon Title: Given; John 21:15-19

June 5: Hymn Sing organized by Rose Eide-
Altman and Deb Ambrose (No Communion)

June 12 Recognition Sunday

June 19 Father's Day

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group: 6:30-8:00 pm

All middle and high-school students are welcome.
You do not need to attend Salem.

May 1: Farewell to Erin

May 8: Mother's Day (no youth group meeting)

May 15: ASP Training

May 22: End of Year Picnic at the Luke's home

May 29: Memorial Day weekend (no youth group meeting)

No youth group in June, July, and August.

A SAD GOODBYE FOR OUR DISTRICT



Pam Mullay with a co-worker

After six years, Pam Mullay will be stepping down as the district administrator for the Central Maryland District and moving to Jacksonville, Florida, where she will be serving in the North East District Office for the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church.

It is a busy time for Pam, she has a son graduating from Bloomsburg University in early

May and he will be interning with the American Junior Golf Association for the summer. Her daughter will be graduating from high school at the end of May and attending the University of North Florida majoring in American Sign Language Interpretation.

A personal note from Pam: I cannot thank the people of Salem UMC enough for being so wonderful! From my grandmother's illness to the gift of a prayer shawl for me to take with me to Florida, I am honored by your warmth and love. I pray that God continues to bless all of the amazing ministries at Salem. God is at work in all of you! Blessings to you all.- Pam

THE BOOK CLUB

The Salem Book Discussion Group attended a presentation by Bryan Stevenson, author of "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" at the Weinberg Center in Frederick on April 21. As a law student, Stevenson became inspired to spend his career defending death row inmates and others who have not received a just trial. Since then he has co-founded the Equal Justice Initiative of which he is now executive director and has worked to free scores of people from wrongful or excessive punishment, arguing five times before the Supreme Court. During the program, Stevenson outlined many of the injustices of the legal system while encouraging us all to "get proximate" and to "step out of our comfort zone" to bring about change in the world. Video clips of Stevenson can be found online at www.ted.com (TED Talk) and on www.youtube.com.

Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30 pm. At Suzanne Friis' house.

Jesus Feminist by Sarah Bessey (non-fiction).

Gender roles have been debated for centuries, and now Sarah Bessey offers a clarion freedom call for all who want to realize their giftedness and potential in the kingdom of God. Through a thoughtful review of biblical teaching and church practices, Bessey shares how following Jesus made a feminist out of her.

We have not selected a book for June so please come on May 10th with suggestions. We can also discuss if we want to meet in June or reconvene in October.

ASP 2016

Yard Sale: By Bob Brown

The 2016 ASP yard sale on (April 16th) was a huge success. Work began Friday evening with the garage bursting at the seams with many donations. The task of moving everything to the Community Hall, organizing and pricing everything seemed daunting at first. With many volunteers however, we got the job done.



Saturday morning was picture perfect for a yard sale, sunny and not too cold or hot. We had large items outside and small items inside. Traffic was brisk all morning and we met many nice people. In the end we sold a lot of good cast-offs destined to be repurposed through someone else's vision. What was left was packed on a truck and donated to Value Village.



The sale raised \$2000 for our ASP crews this summer. Our 14 youth and adult volunteers will be serving in Logan County, West Virginia June 19- 25 making homes warmer, safer and dryer. Special thanks to Libby Wright for coordinating the yard sale effort, to Joann Keister our cashier extraordinaire, and to everyone who helped, donated and bought.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

The Graves Family on loss of their wife and mother, Sherry.



Sherry C. Graves

April 2nd, 1948 - April 18th, 2016

Sherry C. Graves, of Olney, Maryland, born April 2nd, 1948, died April 18th, 2016 of pneumonia at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Sherry was the wife of Gary F. Graves, married 47 years, loving mother of Vanessa, Nick, and Hannah, grandmother of Solange and Meerabai, and sister of Peggy Cleaveland, Larry Cooling, Richard Cooling, and the late Pam Nichols. Sherry attended Wheaton High School, graduated in the class of '66, then went on to Montgomery College. Sherry retired from the Montgomery County government after a long career in the human resources department.

There will be a Memorial Mass held in her honor at Saint Peter's Parish, located at 2900 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Maryland 20832, on May 2nd at 11am. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery, date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Sherry's name to St. Peter's Parish at the address above,

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We also wish to express our condolence to Barbara Achstetter on the loss of her beloved dog, Berkley.

***Psalms 30:5 ... Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.***



## A TIME FOR CHILDREN



April 24th was Compassion Sunday, as the children gathered Erin invited Amy Roberts and Jacob Weinberger to join them. Erin talked about children in other countries not having the things like the children in America do.

Amy and Jacob told the children about the child the Youth Group had adopted, showed them a picture, and read them a letter their child had written to the youth group.



Jacob Weinberger and Amy Roberts

## CONGRATULATIONS

We are proud to announce that Joyce Wedler has passed the Informatics Nursing Certification Examination.



Halsey Smith, Ginny Weinberger and Phillip Weinberger.

And on April 17th, our Birthday wishes went out to Phillip Weinberger whose birthday was April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Debbie and Brandon Savage on the birth of their twin sons. Matthew William and Jacob Kingsley were born on Friday, April 22nd at 6:06 pm and 6:07 pm, respectively. Matthew weighed 4 lbs 8 oz and was 16 1/2 inches long. Jacob weighed 3 lbs 14 oz and was 15 1/3 inches long. Both boys are stable in the NICU at Shady Grove. We appreciate your prayers for us and our new family of four, wrote Brandon.



Matthew Savage



Jacob Savage

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.**

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

## COMPASSION SUNDAY



Libby Wright

First, I want to thank everyone that helped to make the Compassion Sunday service a success: Rev. Sue, Erin, Rose, and Bob Brown.

Here are some follow-up items and answers to some questions.

The cost to sponsor a child is \$38 a month.

Of Compassion International's resources, approximately 82 percent goes directly to program activities. This is one of the highest percentages for a child development program.

Children are sponsored up to 18 or 22 years of age, depending on the country.

The children will write you at least two times a year and up to six times, depending on how often you write.

The Compassion display with packets will be available for at least two weeks.

If you need more information about Compassion feel free to ask me a question.

Libby Wright



## THE SALEM UMC WOMEN'S GROUP

Salem UMC Women's Group

Saturday, April 9, 2016 (10:00am - 11:00am)  
Meeting

"Movie Night" with "Inside/Out" was cancelled. Will be rescheduled.

Meeting attendees were Yvette Thurston, Debbie Ambrose & Connie Somerville.

Future Events:

**September 2016** (TBD) "September Back to School Spaghetti Supper" with fixings. Signs needed.

**November 25-26, 2016** (Time TBD) "Decorate Salem UMC for the Christmas Holidays". Details to follow.

**December 4, 2016** (6pm - 7:30pm) "Celebrate Christmas with Salem" with an outdoor tree lighting, carols with choir, and light refreshments (cookies, pastries, hot chocolate, tea & coffee) served in Community Hall. Nancy Morell will coordinate. Signs needed. Details to follow.

**December 10, 2016** (10:00 am to 2:00pm) The "2016 Christmas Bazaar" tradition continues with baked goods, unique treasures, crafts, baskets, Santa and food. Please begin collecting items for the baskets and ideas for the craft table. Connie Somerville will coordinate. Signs to be updated. Details to follow.

Mary Ellen and Fred Ambrose are to go to Baltimore within the next 30 days to select the kitchen appliances (dish sanitizer, icemaker and meat slicer) per Trustees March 14, 2016 meeting.

"Salem UMC Secret Sister Drawing" - review Secret Sister Information sheet to determine if this is something the Women's Group is interested in doing as a way of getting to know one another. If so, I (Connie Somerville) can email out the information sheet and the drawing will take place at our next meeting. This commitment will last for one (1) year and is renewed with another "Secret Sister" at Salem.

**Manidokan Camp and Retreat Center** - Is this something we are interested in starting up again? If so, who is willing to co-coordinate? Several ladies could co-coordinate.

**"Salem 2016 Spring Indoor Cleaning Day(s)"** - This should be easier this year with the cleaning achieved in 2015. Possible date(s) in

July 2016. More information to follow. How about Outdoor Cleaning Day(s)?

**A motion was made and seconded to give ASP \$1,000.00. Motion passed. Mary Ellen is to write out the check and give it to them by end of April. This was completed on time.**

We would like to know the charities and amount of checks that were each written in February 2016 of the \$2,000.00 raised in 2015. This way we can keep record of these transactions for next year.

What are our future monetary goals?

Next meeting will be prior to next "Movie Night."

### FRIED CHICKEN MINISTRY



Cloyd Bittner our Master Fried Chicken Chef

Thank you to the Women's Group for planning and organizing the Fried Chicken Dinner on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. This was one of the ideas that the women had to connect Salem UMC with our community. And it worked! We had about 80 people who attended and enjoyed Salem's fried chicken cooked by our own Cloyd Bittner. Some ate in and others carried out fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, marinated carrots, green beans, rolls, and dessert. Thanks to the many Salem servants who worked tirelessly throughout the day to make sure we had the best fried chicken ever. A special thanks goes to Mary Ellen Eaton, our chief kitchen minister, and her assistant, Betty Bittner. All of those that served in whatever capacity created a special evening of joy and offered warm hospitality to all.

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." I Corinthians 10:31



Members of Kitchen crew: Connie Somerville and Yvette Thurston

### SALEM UNITED METHODIST MEN



Rev. Tim Warner

(Thank you Randy Kennedy for the picture)

On April 2, 2016 Salem United Methodist Church Men joined like minded men from First Trinity in Gaithersburg and Mt. Carmel in Sunshine to share life experiences and ideas and questions about what it means to be a Christian.

The meeting was attended by about 18 men, ranging in ages from late teens to those "elders" amongst us in our 60's and 70's. We were led by ministers Rev. Tim Warner and Jim Pugh. We were young... and we were old. We were professionals and non professionals. We represented different races, different cultures, and of course different life stories.

But by the end of the morning we found that there was far more that we shared in common than there were differences amongst us. The young were struggling through the gauntlet of discovery of who they were, what they believe, and what life holds ... and those of us on the



other end of the journey recalled the parallel path that had already been traveled.

There were no absolutes that we could all agree on. But there was a realization that while much changes in the lives of people, the most basic, most essential, most important, elements of life only appear to be different generation to generation, but they are still always the same. The words of the Old Testament, the words of Jesus, and the words that have been recalled, written, and spoken over the ensuing centuries still hold importance, relevance, and meaning.

As we concluded the meeting we all agreed that we should convene another meeting like this, and that we should stay in touch. It was clear that the old have much to share with the young, and it was equally clear that the young need the support of the elders as they navigate their way through some very challenging and dangerous waters.

Submitted by Fred Ambrose

### MEMORY GARDEN

If you are interested in placing an order for a brick to honor/remember someone please see Joyce Howes for more information.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

#### Church Council Meeting Highlights

April 28, 2016

- † Bill Lavelly opened the meeting with a devotion from a book titled The James Code.
- † Rev. Sue reported on March worship attendance. The average was 85 with 151 attending worship on Easter. The April average attendance was 50 and the Year to date is 65.
- † The joy of Helen Van Druff's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday was shared. We also rejoiced in the news of the birth of the Savage twins, Matthew and Jacob, who were born on April 22 (Helen Van Druff's birthday!).
- † Erin Wheeler's last day is Sunday May 1 and will be celebrated with a potluck lunch. We wish Erin much joy and success in her next internship.

- † We are hoping that we will be assigned a new intern for next year.
- † Upcoming dates and events were shared. Check your bulletin weekly to keep up with our busy schedule.
- † Debbie Ambrose shared that June 12 will be the last day for regular Sunday school. Summer Sunday child care will begin on June 19. We will be needing volunteers to help with this. Please be looking for a sign-up sheet.
- † We are in need of volunteers to sign up for upcoming Coffee Hours. Please check the sign-up sheet in the Community Hall.
- † We will be participating in the Olney Days Parade again this year. Please watch for updates.
- † Libby Wright reported on Compassion Sunday.
- † Thanks to the many volunteers who signed up for the Women's Ministries Chicken Dinner.
- † The ASP Yard Sale was a smashing success!!
- † Suzanne Friis shared several items:
  - The Salem Ministries Booklet is almost finished. This will be a comprehensive guide to the many ministries, committees and operations of our church. This will be a "Nuts and Bolts" of Salem.
  - We have a new email address specifically for making reservations for events.
  - We will be purchasing our current copier which will save us \$90 per month rental fee for the life of the copier.
  - We will be evaluating our current bulleting announcements to determine if we need include less in the bulletin each week. If you have suggestions, please contact Suzanne.

- We will also be reviewing and updating our website.

Reverend Sue noted that all of the work Suzanne does is what a secretary in other churches would be paid to do. Many thanks to Suzanne for her many volunteer hours in service of God's work at Salem.

- † Mary Abramson reported the balance in our checking account (operating fund) to be \$33,000 as of April 28. We are in need of a new Financial Secretary as of May 1.
- † Kulley Bancroft shared a report of the balances in all of our church accounts. Our 3 investment accounts each showed a profit for the first quarter of 2016!
- † Connie Somerville reported that we have signed a contract to purchase a new dish sanitizer, ice maker and meat slicer for the kitchen. This should be installed by the beginning of summer. Connie also reported that the air conditioner in the kitchen has failed and will need to be replaced. She shared the many tasks that the trustees have identified to be done in the future, including carpentry, painting and new roofs.
- † Hasashi Yamagata and the SPRC are working with Rev. Sue on her goals for 2016, and are working on updating our Safe Sanctuaries lists.

Debbie Ambrose closed the meeting with prayer.  
Next Meeting - May 26, 2016. All are welcome!!  
Debbie Ambrose, Church Council Chair

## A WEEKEND WITH KAIROS IS LOVE

### God is Love and Kairos Is Love



Salem Family,

If you had to condense the essence of the Kairos ministry down to its fundamental core, it would be LOVE. Not just any love, but the love

of Christ, delivered in wave after wave by His family, our team.

Of course, we think of love for the Participants, but it's also for fellow Team members, love for people supplying agape, love for the Christian community, love for the incarcerated relatives/friends, and love for Jesus.

I thank you my Salem Family for all of the AGAPE. It is always so neat to see friends and loved ones names on the prison walls covering the ministry in prayer for that ½ hour. Leading off the weekend and ending it was Pastor Sue. The good will offering of the Methodist men was generous. W.C.I. # 8 was so blessed!

The Kairos ministry team went into the 'Western Correctional Institution,' a maximum security prison filled with broken lost men. During the weekend many men started to feel something they thought was forever lost to them - hope. It was such a blessing to see men come to Jesus and realize that He loves them.

I share with you a special blessing I personally received during this Kairos (God's Special Time) experience. I reached out and contacted 100 of my former co-workers from the Montgomery County Police Department soliciting their assistance in any of a number of ways (\$\$\$, Letters, Prayer...). I was blessed 1<sup>st</sup> by connecting and continuing our relationship after years gone by. Stories and memories were shared. Two of the 100 contacted have passed away and I was blessed to have been able to be with them before that time. Now for the rest of the story... Of the 100 honorable Policemen I contacted, only 1 flat out rejected my request and that's okay. 73 out of that 100 responded. My monetary request was only \$20, the cost of 1 Bible. I also requested for Agape in the form of a personal letter, and prayers. Drum roll... These men almost financed the entire weekend with gifts totaling \$5000.00 (the weekend costs approximately \$8000.00); 44 Agape/Love letters were written reaching every participant in the weekend; and God only knows how many prayers were lifted.

I leave you with my Final Comments that were in my Leaders Final Report to the State and National Kairos Organization - *The impact of leading a Kairos Inside weekend is pretty much*



*indescribable. It was one of the most challenging endeavors of my life time, but at the same time pretty simple with the Wisdom of Kairos, progression in Leadership, AKT training, Ezra, and the dedication of men following Christ and who have gone before me (Saints).*

*To God be the Glory. In all of the obstacles, roadblocks and attacks I gave thanks in all of it. Something I don't believe I've ever done. My main emphasis to the W.C.I. #8 team was that of a spiritual nature, not administrative. Beginning at least 3 months out I tried to encourage the team 2 to 3 three times a week via the Team Devotional Guide or my own morning devotions. I probably gained more from this than the Team members themselves. Funny how God works.*

Now I leave you with the Prayer I prayed almost every day once I became the Leader of Kairos W.C.I. weekend # 8 –

**Lord, grant that we may understand the necessity for depth in Kairos, rather than surface luster. Convince us of the truth that it is not colorful moments, but Your presence which bears fruit.**

**Multiply, of God, the self-sacrificing souls among us who know how to give everything for Your cause: our time, our faculties, our health and even our lives, if necessary.**

**Instill in us boldness in our initiatives, good judgment in our choices of the right means, and that courage, which, in spite of failures, assures victory through Your redeeming love.**

**Cleanse us of the tiny rivalries, sensitivities, vanities, discourtesies... everything which distracts from You, everything which divides or discourages us.**

**Help us to maintain at a high level, meaningful, supernatural and mutual love among ourselves, so that each one will seek by preference the most humble tasks and will rejoice at the good performed by others.**

**Grant that we may be united in a common purpose and share in a single spirit... Your spirit, Lord Jesus. Grant that Your attractive goodness may be seen in all of our**

**faces, Your warm accents of love heard in all our words. In our lives, may we show something of You to the world, something which proclaims Your living presence among us. Amen**

Thanks Again, Your Brother In Christ,

◇◇◇ Ron Sterling

### **SIGN-UP FOR:**

#### **❖ Altar Flowers:**

If you would like to provide flowers during the 2016 worship year, please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Hallway.

When signing up, please indicate if the flowers are a tribute (for example: from the Jones family in honor of John's 10th birthday). Tributes will be listed in the Sunday announcements.

Purchase your flowers at the vendor of your choice and bring by Saturday afternoon. Call Rev. Dr. Sue before you head out so she can open the church for you.

Contact Suzanne Friis with questions.

#### **❖ Coffee Hour Hostesses/Hosts**

**Have you signed up to provide snacks for coffee hour?** Please volunteer to provide a coffee hour or two this year. You may sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Hall or go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fa8aa2ba3f85-coffee2>

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

If your name should be on one of these lists, please contact [velma\\_durant@yahoo.com](mailto:velma_durant@yahoo.com). We don't want to leave you out. Thank you.

#### **Our May-June Birthdays are:**

##### May

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Hammer, Becca     | 05/01 |
| McClosky, Lindsey | 05/05 |
| Beye, Noah        | 05/06 |
| Preville, Dean    | 05/08 |
| Sterling, Chuck   | 05/14 |
| Thorp, Marsha     | 05/27 |
| Langley, Conor    | 05/28 |
| Lavelly, Bill     | 05/28 |

##### June

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Savage, Debbie | 06/07 |
| Bittner, Cloyd | 06.09 |

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|--------------------|-------|
| Craswell, Janet    | 06/09 |
| Benson, Timmy      | 06/11 |
| Morell, Mary       | 06/12 |
| Odbert, Fred       | 06/12 |
| Odbert, Emily      | 06/13 |
| Ercolani, Judy     | 06/16 |
| Barrett, Rhonda    | 06/18 |
| Savage, Brandon    | 06/18 |
| McClosky, Aubrey   | 06/21 |
| Van Horn, Danielle | 06/23 |
| Beye, Gene         | 06/24 |

**There are no May Anniversaries**

**June Anniversaries are:**

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Beye-Craswell, Gene and Janet | 06/03 |
| Whaler, Doug and Barbara      | 06/09 |
| Bittner, Cloyd and Betty      | 06/10 |
| Roberts, John and Carole      | 06/22 |

## OUR COMMUNITY

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm, in Salem Community Hall. **There is a standing request for help in preparing the dinner and setting up the room for the meeting. If you can help Mondays please contact Mary Ellen Eaton.**

**Eyeglass Collection:** Salem continues to collect used eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids to donate to Lions Club. Please leave them in Salem Community Hall.

**Our House** needs Egg Cartons. Please save your empty egg cartons, place them on the coat rack in the Hallway; we will see that Our House gets them.

## HAPPENINGS

**Spirit Club:** Spirit Club, a fitness group for those with disabilities, meets Wednesdays in the Community Hall from 6-7 pm. Our own Philip Weinberger is an avid participant.

**Seniors on the Move – Exercise Class:** Fridays, 9:00-10:00 am in the Community Hall. Drop in – registration not required! Participate and pay by the session or for the full fall program. For more information contact the leader, Mary-Jo Cosgrove, at [mjcosgrove58@gmail.com](mailto:mjcosgrove58@gmail.com)

**Church Summer Camp:** The Baltimore-Washington Conference offers summer camp for children and youth from Grades 3-12 both at

Manidokan located across the Potomac River from Harpers Ferry, WV and West River south of Annapolis. Brochures with the summer schedule are on the table by the side entrance of the church.

**Lord’s Table Needs Volunteers:** Salem will once again serve dinner to the homeless at the Lord’s Table at St. Martin’s in Gaithersburg on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, September through June. Help is needed for set-up, food preparation and particularly for serving between 3:30-4:40 pm. If you can help in any way, please sign up on the bulletin board. The next Lord’s Table is Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Did You Know?**

**Sermons** are available on CD for those who are unable to attend service on Sunday. To receive a CD contact Bob Brown at [rmia@gmail.com](mailto:rmia@gmail.com).

**Newsletter:** Any info or pictures of any Salem event or ministries can be sent to Velma Durant, [velma\\_durant@yahoo.com](mailto:velma_durant@yahoo.com) by the third week of the month.

**Are You and wish to Receiving Emails from Salem?** If you are not. Send a request to Rev. Sue at [shorster@yahoo.com](mailto:shorster@yahoo.com). These emails provide information about Salem events, closings, and our congregation.

**You can Give to Salem as You Shop**

**Online:** You can have part of the profit from your purchase at online stores like Amazon, Macy’s, Kohl’s, etc. be sent to Salem UMC. Check out the retailer and sign-up at [www.umcmarket.org](http://www.umcmarket.org).

## COMING UP

**Mt. Carmel UMC BBQ:** Saturday May 7, 2016 from 11:00 am to 6:30 pm. Address: 22222 Georgia Ave., Sunshine, MD. Meal includes brisket sandwich, home made potato salad, coleslaw, green beans, and a drink. Adult Meal = \$15.00, Sandwich only = \$8.00, Kids under 10 = \$6.00. Brisket per pound = \$15.00.

**Memorial Day Service:** Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Salem Cemetery. The program will be led by Bill Thomas, American Legion member and 5<sup>th</sup> generation Brookeville resident.

**Annual Conference:** June 1 – 4, Rev. Sue will be attending. More information? See Rev. Sue.

**Trustees Meeting:** Monday, June 13 at 7:00 pm in the Community Hall.

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JUST A REMINDER

To order your Café Justo Coffee please contact Kathryn Ennes at church or via e-mail at k_ennes@yahoo.com.

“FOR I WAS HUNGRY...”

Manna Food Center: 9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, or online at www.mannafood.org; to volunteer call 301-424-1130.

Olney Help: P.O. Box 430, Olney, MD 20830; to volunteer call 301-774-6829. They still are in desperate need of rice sides (Rice-a-Roni/ Knorr sides), peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken, fruit juice, snacks such as granola bars/crackers, cake mix/frosting, canned pasta. Please place items in the box marked for Olney Help in the church hallway. No glass jars.

Got Clothing? The Glenmont United Methodist Church has a thrift store and has asked for donations of children’s and youth clothing plus household items such as pots and pans, other cooking utensils, etc. If you have anything you can contribute, please bring them to Salem and place them in the collection box in the side entryway. We will see they get delivered.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls are available in Salem entry hall on top of the coat rack. There is no cost; if you know anyone you want to share a prayer with all the time, please help yourself to a shawl. The comfort they give is well worth the effort of delivering one to your friends, family or co-workers. They will thank you!

THANK YOU!

From Mary Nupp: Dear Rev. Sue and all my Salem Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl. I greatly appreciate its warmth and the love that is woven in every stitch.

I’m sorry I wasn’t there to help with the sausage grind.

Each day I am improving.

Thank you all for your prayers

All my love

And from Laucia Beccart

Thank you so much for your prayers and good wishes. Your blessings are very important for me. I love the prayer shawl!

Jesus Is the Lighthouse

Written in 1970 by Ronnie Hinson who was a teenager at the time.

There's a lighthouse on the hillside
That overlooks the sea
When I'm tossed it sends out a light
That I might see
And the light that shines in darkness now
Will safely lead me o'er
If it wasn't for the lighthouse
My ship would be no more

(Narrative)

It seems that everybody about us says
Tear that old lighthouse down
The big ships just don't pass this way anymore
So there's no use in standing around
Then my mind goes back to that one dark,
stormy night
When just in time, I saw the light
Yes, it was the light from that old lighthouse
That stands up there on the hill

And I thank God for the lighthouse
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BABY'S SHOWER FOR

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AFTER THE 10:00 AM WORSHIP

SERVICE DURING COFFEE HOUR

IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

THEY ARE REGISTERED AT

BUY, BUY BABY AND TARGET

BRING CLOTHES UNWRAPPED FOR

THE CLOTHESLINE OF LOVE

DIAPERS BY THE TONS (PREEMIES,

NEW BORN & SIZE 1)

CASH OR GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS

WELCOME